GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DELAY IN PROJECTS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Vishesh Project Khastahal Bihar Unmien Sabse Badhal` appearing in Hindi daily `Dainik Jagran` edition dated July 30, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) A detailed review of Special Projects under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) sanctioned in 14 states including Bihar, which together account for than 150 Special Projects under SGSY was recently held by the central Government. This review highlighted the fact that, Special Projects in the states have been plagued by delays and adequate attention is not being paid to regular and rigorous monitoring of implementation of these projects at the field level by the Rural Development Departments of the State Governments, resulting in poor project progress. During the review, the concerned State Governments have been advised to undertake periodic review of implementation of all the sanctioned Special Projects and closely monitor their progress at senior levels in the State Government to facilitate removal of bottlenecks and to ensure their timely completion.